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BEGIN SUMMARY: WITH TIME RUNNING SHORT AND COM-
MUNITY COUNTRIES STILL IN DISAGREEMENT ON AGENDA
FOR EC SUMMIT. DANES ARE MILDY DISCOURAGED WITH
WHOLE PROJECT. THEY FEAR THAT BUILDUP OF EXPEC-
TATIONS BEFORE FULL-FLEDGED SUMMIT CAN ONLY
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LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT LATER. THEY SEE NO LIKE-
LIHOOD OF MAJOR DECISIONS BEING MADE, ON THE

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CONTRARY THEY FEEL THAT ISSUES LIKE REGIONAL
FUND AND BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS COULD CREATE DAMAG-
ING DISSENSION. PRIME MINISTER BELIEVES
HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS MEETINGS USEFUL BUT WOULD
PREFER THEM ALONG LINES SEPTEMBER "SUMMIT DIN-
NER" FONOFF GAVE US ROUGH OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE
FOR TWO-DAY MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOV 29 FONOFF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY
FOR EC AFFAIRS WANDEL-PETERSEN GAVE DCM AND
ECNCOUNS STATUS REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR
EC SUMMIT AS SEEN FROM DANISH PERSPECTIVE.
HE SAID TWO AD HOC PROPARATORY COMMITTEES (ON
INSTITUATIONS ANS SUBSTATNTIVE MATTERS) HAVE DONE
MUCH TALKING BUT REACHED LITTLE AGREEMENT.
HE SAID PRIME MINISTER AND FONOFF SAW POTENTIAL
FOR DAMAGE BUT LITTLE BENEFIT FROM HOLDING FULL-
FLEDGED SUMMIT BUT ON OTHER HAND FELT THERE
WAS NO WAY OUT OF HOLDING IT SO LONG AS IT REMAINED
PRESTIGE CONSIDERATION FOR DISCARD. PRESENT
PLANS CALL FOR OPENING TWO-DAY SMMIT DECEMBER 9
AT 3.00 PM WITH BROAD MEETING INCLUDING HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN MINISTERS AND ADVISORS
FOLLOWED BY ELYSEE DINNER FOR PRINCIPALS. COM-
MUNIQUE DRAFTING WOULD PROBABLY BE ALL-NIGHT
SESSION. ON DEC 10, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND
FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET IN THE MORNING
AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ONLY IN THE AFTERNOON
ASIDE FROM MONDAY NIGHT DINNER, NO SOCIAL AFF
FAIRS OR LUNCHEONS ARE PLANNED. SUMMIT WOULD
PROBABLY NOT CONCLUDE UNTIL SOME TIME TUESDAY
NIGHT IN VIEW OF EXPECTED DIFFICULTIRES ON REACH
ING COMMUNIQUE CONSESSUS.

2. WANDEL-PETERSEN REVIEWED THE STATUS OF SUB-
STATNTIVE ISSUES. WHLE MOST IS NOT NEW A FEW
SIDELIGHTS ON DANISH VIESS MAY BE OF INTEREST.

A. ENERGY: DANES BELIEVE THIS TO BE MOST
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IMPORTANT ITEM ON AGENDA. DANES STRONGLY SUP-
PORT IEA APPROACH ON BROAD CONSUMER COOPERATION AND
HOPE FRENCH WILL TAKE REASONABLE POSTURE.
WANDEL-PETERSEN THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE EFFORT
TO SET ENERGY CONSERVATION TARGETS. HE SAID
DENMARK WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE IN AGREEING TO
LONGER RANGE TARGET, EG FOR 1985, BUT WOULD
FIND RIDIG SHORT-RANGE CONSERVATION GOAL FOR
NEXT YEAR DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT. DENMARK FELT
ITSELF TO BE FACED WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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REQUIRING AT LEAST IN SHORT RUN THAT IT NOT
BE TIED TO OVERALL LIMITATION ON ENERGY IMPORTS.

B. REGIONAL FUND. DENMARK IS ESSENTIALLY
NEUTRAL ON PRESENT DISUCSSIONS WHERE ON ONE
HAND, IRISH SUPPORTED BY ITALIANS SAY THEY
WANT CONCRETE PROGRAM OR WILL NOT ATTEND SUM-
MIT AND ON OTHER HAND BRITISH DO NOT WANT
DISUCSSION ON REGIONAL FUND AT SUMMIT BUT IF
IRIASH AND ITALIANS GET FUND THEY WILL WANT
SHARE ALSO.

C. ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND SOCIAL WEL
FARE. PROPOSAL CALLING FOR DOLS 200 MILLIO
INCREASE IN SOCIAL FUND HAS RECEIVED MIXED O
REACTION. DENMARK IS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO
FUND PROVIDING DIRECT HELT TO UNEMPLOYED AND
WOULD PREFER TO SEE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAHNNELED
INTO JOB RETRAINING PROGRAMS. WANDEL-
PETERSEN SUSPECTED THAT OUTCOME WOULD BE OPIOUS
STATEMENTS ABOUT MUTAL ASSISTANCE IN GROUBLED
TIMES.

3. ON INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, WANDEL-PETESEN
RECALLED THAT DANISH POSITION FROM THE START OF
DISCUSSIONS OF SUMMIT HELD THAT THEY WOULD
PREFER NO SUMMIT RATHER THAN ONE FOCUSSING ON
INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS. PROPOSAL FOR INSTITU-
TIONAL CHANGES HAVE NOW BEEN WATERED
DOWN TO POINT WHERE DANGERS DANES INITIALLY
FEARED ARE NO LONGER PRESENT. HE PROVIDED SUMMARY
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VIEWS ON MAJOR ISSUES AS FOLLOWS.

A. DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.
DANES ARE OPPOSED BUT REALIZE THEY CANOT BE
COMPLETELY SO BECAUSE OF TREATY OF ROME PROVISIONS.
DANISH POSITION IS THAT ROME TREATY
REQUIRES INITIATIVE FROM PARLIAMENT NO COUNCIL.
THREFRE THEY WILL BE SYMPATHETIC WHEN EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT MAKES REQUEST BUT DO NOT WANT TO
RUSH IT.

B. EUROPEAN COUNCIL. WHILE FRENCH CON
TINUE TO HOLD OUT FOR THIS IDEA, DANES ARE OPPOSED
TO IT. THEY CAN AGREE TO SENSIVLE PROG
MATIC ARRANGMENT WHERE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
MEET PERIODICALLY (WITHOUT SPECIAL INSTITUTION) TO
DISCUSS ROME TREATY MATTERS AND SINCE THEY
HAPPEN TO BE TOGETHER, ALSO POLITICAL COOPER

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ATION ON SEPARATE AGENDA.

C. LUXEMBOURG AGREEMENT. DANES THINK
IT RATHER CHHKY FOR FRENCH WHO HAVE BEEN GREAT
EST OFFENDER IN USING VETO TIN THE PAST TO RAISE
THIS ISSUE NOW. THEY BELIEVE MOST IN THE
COMMUNITY WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE THE SUBJECT UNMEN
TIONED BUT WITH TACIT AGREEMENT TO USE VETO WITH
GREATER CARE THAN IN PAST. DANES WANT AGREE
MENT TO REAMIN BUT NOT BE ABUSED.

D. UK BUDGET CONTRIBUTION. DANES CONTI
NUE TO SUPPORT BRITISH IN THIER POSITION
WANDEL-PETERSEN ADDED TTHAT ONE REASON FOR THE
SUPPORT IS DANISH BELIEF THAT NOTHING CONCRETE
IS LIKELY TO COME OF THIS ANYWAY BECAUSE OF
FRENCH AND GERMAN OPPOSITION.

4. ACCORDING TO WANDEL-PETERSEN PRINCIPALS
IN DANISH DELEGATION IN ADDITION TO PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE UNDER
SECRETARY (ECONOMIC) HENS CHRISTENSEN AND
POLITICAL DIRECTOR OTTO BORCH, BOTH FROM
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